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SUBJECT: PROMINENT BLOGGER'S PRISON SENTENCE OVERTURNED

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1.(C) On February 18, a Cairo appeals court acquitted prominent blogger Wael Abbas of committing property damage by allegedly damaging a neighbor's property.

2.(C) Abbas' lawyer Gamal Eid told us February 22 that the neighbor has filed another criminal complaint against Abbas related to "illegal use" of the property.